

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 11, 17, 18 and 20 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner wishes to maintain that in column 8, lines 25-33 of Kroemer the teaching of using the last n measurements obviates the claimed limitation "at least three preceding measurements". However the examiner can find no explicit teaching in any prior art that indicates using the acceleration derived from three preceding measurements to predict a travel time of a reflected signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEX DEVITO whose telephone number is (571)270-7551. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams can be reached on 5712722208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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